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DRAFT DECISION

United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/37 of 20 June 1990 and previous decisions on United Nations technical cooperation activities and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolutions 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965, 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and 45/264 of 13 May 1991, and previous resolutions on operational activities for development,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41 and Adds. 1-3) and of the views expressed during the debate, and commends the United Nations entities involved on the performance reported for 1990;

2. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1991/42) on cooperation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, which should be of benefit to the programmes and countries receiving United Nations Development Programme financial support;

3. Considers that further steps should be taken to foster closer cooperation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development;

4. Reiterates its requests to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Population Fund to use to full advantage the technical competence and services available from the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development;

5. Requests, in keeping with the results of the evaluations made of the Management Development Programme, the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project and national technical cooperation assessments and programmes, and with the proposals of the Administrator thereon, contained in documents DP/1991/12 and DP/1991/17, that the United Nations Development Programme give special attention to closer association with the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development in these fields;

6. Further requests, in keeping with the Administrator's intentions for the management of the Special Programme Resources, as indicated in document DP/1991/5 and endorsed in Governing Council decision 91/3 of 22 February 1991, that the United Nations Development Programme give special attention to the greater involvement of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, as well as other United Nations entities and other agencies of the United Nations system, in the programming and use of these funds, particularly in relation to the work categories of thematic activities, aid coordination and programme development;

7. Welcomes the efforts of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to help increase national capacities for project execution and implementation and encourages it to continue such work, including training in the process aspects of technical cooperation and for strengthening of central management and implementation units within government offices, upon request;

8. Requests, in relation to the steps for support to the national execution modality described in document DP/1991/23, and endorsed in decision 91/..., that the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme collaborate in devising and implementing ways of assisting governments, upon request, including in relation to the strengthening of their administrative machinery for financial matters;

9. Encourages the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to participate more actively in matters related to the environment, in keeping with its areas of competence, including the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in 1992, and requests the United Nations Development Programme to take measures for the closer involvement of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development in the Global Environmental Facility;

10. Encourages the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to further its efforts to promote cooperation with the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the multilateral development banks so as to help bring about greater overall support for the economic and social advancement of developing countries;

11. Requests the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to continue to give attention to the provision of information on its capabilities and services so that the nature and availability of these will be more widely known and appreciated;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to conduct an in-depth study of the relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, taking into account in particular the tripartite principle embodied in the 1970 Consensus resolution of the General Assembly, as well as the specialization of functions described in General Assembly resolution 32/197, and to submit the report for consideration by the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session.